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MANCHESTER MAN PLEADS GUILTY
TO SELLING IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono reports that 56-year-old Alberto Vasquez pled guilty today to two counts of selling identification documents.

In January, 2006, Vasquez sold a total of five Texas birth certificates and six social security cards to individuals who were cooperating with federal law enforcement officials. The documents were genuine and had been issued by the authorities in Texas and the Social Security Administration to actual individuals.

Vasquez is facing a maximum prison sentence of ten years for selling the birth certificates and a maximum sentence of five years for selling the social security cards. He is also facing a maximum fine of \$250,000 for each count. A sentencing hearing has been scheduled for September 18, 2006. Vasquez was ordered detained pending his sentencing hearing.

This case was investigated by the Office of the Inspector General for the Social Security Administration and the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark S. Zuckerman.